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IMPORT TRADE BY COUNTRY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the increase in United States general imports unadjusted for seasonal change, from $1,389.5 million in February to $1,462.8 million in March [1,2], reflected increases in imports from Western Europe, from $388.1 to $426.5 million; Latin American Republics, from $298.5 to $324.1 million, and Canada, from $267.1 to $285.2 million. Imports from "all other countries," declined from $435.8 to $427.1 million.

The Bureau also stated that from February to March there was an increase in imports from O.E.C.D. countries in Europe from $379.4 to $417.7 million while those from sterling area countries decreased from $290.7 to $285.2 million. Increases were reported in imports from all continents except Australia and Oceania and Africa.

The rise in imports from Europe from $393.0 to $433.7 million was mainly due to increases in imports from the United Kingdom, from $84.3 to $100.8 million; Italy, from $33.0 to $46.7 million; West Germany, from $77.0 to $83.6 million; and Spain, from $7.1 to $12.4 million.

Imports from South America rose from $207.5 to $234.9 million owing chiefly to increases in imports from Chile, from $10.1 to $27.7 million and Brazil, from $52.4 to $57.5 million. A rise in imports from Japan, from $104.4 to $124.4 million, which was partly offset by a decrease in imports from India, from $32.7 to $25.2 million, largely accounted for the increase in imports from Asia from $251.5 to $265.1 million. Imports from North America increased from $403.8 to $416.5 million as a rise in imports from Canada, from $267.1 to $285.2 million (as noted above), was partly offset by a decrease in imports from Netherlands Antilles, from $23.8 to $18.3 million.

The decrease in imports from Australia and Oceania, from $55.3 to $42.4 million, reflected a drop in imports from Australia from $40.8 to $21.7 million. This decrease, however, was partly offset by an increase in imports from New Zealand and Western Samoa, from $14.0 to $20.3 million. Imports from Africa declined from $77.7 million in February to $70.3 million in March largely as a result of decreases in imports from Ghana, from $8.0 to $3.3 million and Western Africa, from $8.3 to $3.8 million.

[1] The Bureau of the Census does not have adequate information to measure the effect on the statistics of the dock strike which began on December 23, 1962 and continued through January 25, 1963.

[2] On a seasonally-adjusted basis, total general imports were valued at $1,484.3 million in March as compared to $1,493.2 million in February. Seasonally-adjusted data are not available by country of orgin.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Import statistics include merchandise imported by government agencies as well as by private importers, but exclude American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions is not included in this report but the import trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States import trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in import statistics. However, the statistics may include some merchandise (principally duty free) which is entered through United States Customs and subsequently exported in the same condition in which imported. In many cases, such merchandise differs from in transit merchandise only in the manner in which it is documented.

COUNTRY DEFINITION: Though the country which should be reported in the statistics as the country of origin is defined as the country where the merchandise was grown, mined or manufactured, the country actually shown in the statistics may in a number of cases represent some other country, such as the country of purchase, lading, or the country in which mixed lots of various origin are consolidated. It follows, therefore, that imports from such merchanting or transshipment countries are likely to be overstated and imports from other countries correspondingly understated.

VALUATION: Import values are, in general, based on market price or selling price, and are, in general, f.o.b. the exporting country. They exclude United States import duties. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

RELIABILITY: The statistics presented in this report are based partly on sample data (i.e. formal entries valued under $100 and all informal entries valued under $250), and therefore are subject to sampling variation that may cause them to differ somewhat from the results which would have been obtained from processing all import entries. The probable variability due to sampling is either less than $50,000 (the largest variation from rounding of figures) or less than 1 percent of the individual totals shown.

In addition to the effects of sampling variation, and the difficulties described above under COUNTRY DEFINITION, monthly import statistics are subject to some error from such sources as the carry-over of data from month to month in the compiling process and errors in reporting or processing. Although the effect of such errors on the rounded totals in this report is probably small, the possibility of inaccuracy should be taken into account, particularly in using figures of relatively small magnitude.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, compilation procedures and precision of import data is contained in the foreword of Reports No. FT 110 and FT 120. For complete statement, see foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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UNITED STATES GENERAL IMPORTS, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: MARCH 1963 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(In millions of dollars. N.e.c. indicates not elsewhere classified. General imports are a total of imports for immediate consumption plus entries into bonded warehouses. Data revised to reflect all corrections published with the statistics through those for December 1962. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts.)

Continent and country[1]	March 1963	February 1963	March 1962	Monthly average 1962
Total trade	1,462.8	1,389.5	1,381.4	1,365.6
Western Europe	426.5	388.1	390.9	378.5
Canada	285.2	267.1	291.7	304.7
Latin American Republics	324.1	298.5	311.5	282.2
All other countries	427.1	435.8	387.4	400.2
O.E.C.D. countries in Europe	417.7	379.4	381.6	369.0
Sterling area countries	285.2	290.7	255.7	249.7
North America	416.5	403.8	429.0	428.0
Greenland	(*)	0.1	(*)	0.2
Canada (including Newfoundland and Labrador)	285.2	267.1	291.7	304.7
Miquelon and St. Pierre Islands	(*)	0.1	(*)	(*)
Mexico[a]	60.0	56.9	57.8	48.2
Guatemala[a]	5.6	9.8	6.7	5.2
British Honduras[b]	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.2
El Salvador[a]	2.5	4.8	2.1	3.7
Honduras[a]	4.5	2.7	4.2	2.7
Nicaragua[a]	8.3	3.5	4.1	2.3
Costa Rica[a]	3.3	3.1	3.5	3.3
Republic of Panama[a]	2.5	1.9	1.3	1.9
Canal Zone	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.4
Bermuda[b]	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.5
Bahamas[b]	0.8	1.0	1.1	0.9
Cuba[a]	...	(*)	0.6	0.6
Jamaica[b]	7.1	7.0	7.1	8.4
Haiti[a]	2.2	2.9	2.4	2.0
Dominican Republic[a]	5.9	9.1	14.9	12.8
Leeward and Windward Islands[b]	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Barbados[b]	0.4	(*)	(*)	0.1
Trinidad and Tobago[b]	7.9	9.6	6.9	7.1
Netherlands Antilles	18.3	23.8	23.9	22.3
French West Indies	1.3	(*)	(*)	0.5
South America	234.9	207.5	216.8	204.1
Colombia[a]	14.2	12.7	18.5	22.9
Venezuela[a]	85.2	82.8	92.6	81.3
British Guiana[b]	2.9	1.7	0.8	1.9
Surinam	2.6	2.0	2.3	2.7
French Guiana	0.1	(*)	...	(*)
Ecuador[a]	5.5	4.9	4.2	5.9
Peru[a]	18.6	19.6	20.6	15.9
Bolivia[a]	1.1	0.9	1.2	1.0
Chile[a]	27.7	10.1	22.2	15.9
Brazil[a]	57.5	52.4	40.0	45.1
Paraguay[a]	1.1	1.2	0.3	0.6
Uruguay[a]	5.3	6.0	4.4	2.0
Argentina[a]	13.0	13.2	9.6	8.8
Falkland Islands[b]	...	...	...	...
Europe	433.7	393.0	398.5	385.3
Iceland[b,c,d]	1.6	1.0	0.8	1.0
Sweden[c,d]	14.7	16.7	14.8	14.2
Norway[c,d]	7.9	6.5	10.7	8.8
Denmark[c,d]	11.8	11.7	12.2	9.8

See footnotes at end of table.

UNITED STATES GENERAL IMPORTS, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: MARCH 1963 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Continent and country[1]	March 1963	February 1963	March 1962	Monthly average 1962
Europe—Continued				
United Kingdom[b,c,d]	100.8	84.3	85.4	83.7
Ireland (Eire)[b,c,d]	3.5	4.3	2.2	3.1
Netherlands[c,d]	19.7	20.1	18.8	18.4
Belgium and Luxembourg[c,d]	31.9	30.6	35.5	32.2
France[c,d]	33.2	33.6	35.6	35.7
West Germany[c,d]	83.6	77.0	80.3	80.1
East Germany	0.8	0.1	0.5	0.3
Austria[c,d]	3.8	3.5	4.4	4.3
Czechoslovakia	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.8
Hungary	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2
Switzerland[c,d]	18.9	17.4	17.7	18.9
Finland[c]	4.1	5.0	5.9	5.0
Estonia	...	(*)	...	(*)
Latvia	...	...	...	(*)
Lithuania	...	...	...	(*)
Poland and Danzig	3.8	2.7	4.4	3.8
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1.3	0.7	1.6	1.3
Azores	0.1	(*)	0.1	0.1
Spain[c,d]	12.4	7.1	7.5	7.5
Portugal[c,d]	3.4	5.3	4.9	4.1
Gibraltar[b]	(*)	(*)	...	(*)
Malta and Gozo[b]	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Italy[c,d]	46.7	33.0	39.0	37.7
Free Territory of Trieste[c,d]	0.1	(*)	(*)	(*)
Yugoslavia[c]	4.8	3.7	3.3	4.5
Albania	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Greece[c,d]	7.8	9.2	3.1	2.2
Rumania	0.1	(*)	(*)	0.1
Bulgaria	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Turkey[c,d]	15.9	18.4	8.7	7.3
Cyprus[b]	(*)	(*)	0.1	0.1
Asia	265.1	251.5	227.5	247.1
Syrian Arab Republic	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.4
Lebanon	1.1	0.4	0.7	0.4
Iraq (Mesopotamia)	0.4	0.7	0.3	0.8
Iran (Persia)	5.2	5.0	3.9	4.9
Israel	4.0	4.4	3.8	3.4
Palestine	...	...	...	(*)
Jordan[b]	(*)	...	...	(*)
Kuwait[b]	4.7	3.4	6.7	7.3
Saudi Arabia	8.3	5.0	5.5	5.6
Arabia Peninsula States, n.e.c.	1.3	2.0	1.0	1.9
Aden[b]	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
State of Bahrein[b]	(*)	(*)	0.3	0.1
Afghanistan	1.3	0.6	0.9	1.2
India[b]	25.2	32.7	20.3	21.3
Goa, Damao and Diu[2]	0.1	...	...	...
Pakistan[b]	5.4	5.2	4.5	3.5
Nepal	...	...	...	(*)
Ceylon[b]	4.0	2.9	3.4	2.8
Burma[b]	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Thailand (Siam)	4.1	4.3	3.2	3.3
Viet-Nam	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3
Laos	(*)	...	...	(*)
Cambodia	0.9	1.0	0.4	0.4
Federation of Malaya[b]	15.2	17.5	16.9	15.6
State of Singapore; British Borneo[b]	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.2
Republic of Indonesia	8.9	12.7	9.5	11.2
Republic of the Philippines	25.6	25.4	21.6	27.3
Macao (Macau)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Portuguese Asia, n.e.c.	...	...	0.1	0.1
Southern and Southeastern Asia, n.e.c.	...	...	(*)	(*)
China (including Manchuria)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Outer Mongolia	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3

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Continent and country[1]	March 1963	February 1963	March 1962	Monthly average 1962
Asia—Continued				
North Korea	...	...	(*)	(*)
Republic of Korea	1.5	1.5	0.7	0.9
Hong Kong[b]	15.2	16.1	13.8	14.3
Taiwan (Formosa)	5.4	3.4	3.3	4.7
Japan	124.4	104.4	103.9	113.1
Nansei and Nanpo Islands, n.e.c	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8
Australia and Oceania	42.4	55.3	51.7	36.6
Australia[b]	21.7	40.8	33.6	24.2
New Guinea[b]	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2
New Zealand and Western Samoa[b]	20.3	14.0	17.6	11.7
British Western Pacific Islands[b]	(*)	0.2	0.2	0.4
French Pacific Islands	(*)	0.1	0.1	(*)
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands	...	...	(*)	0.1
Africa	70.3	77.7	56.9	63.2
Morocco	0.5	1.2	1.7	0.9
Algeria	(*)	0.1	(*)	0.4
Tunisia	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.1
Libya[b]	1.6	1.1	0.1	1.0
United Arab Republic (Egypt)	0.7	1.0	2.0	2.1
Sudan	0.2	(*)	0.1	0.6
Canary Islands	(*)	(*)	0.1	0.1
Spanish Africa, n.e.c	...	...	...	(*)
Federal Republic of Cameroon	1.0	0.6	1.5	0.6
Western Equatorial Africa, n.e.c	0.6	0.2	0.5	0.5
Western Africa, n.e.c	3.8	8.3	6.1	3.3
Ghana[b]	3.3	8.0	6.5	5.2
Federation of Nigeria[b]	4.4	5.9	3.5	4.0
British West Africa and Sierra Leone[b]	0.2	0.1	0.7	0.8
Madeira Islands	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
Angola	3.5	4.1	2.7	3.2
Western Portuguese Africa, n.e.c	0.4	0.2	(*)	0.1
Liberia	1.0	3.9	1.5	2.6
Republic of the Congo	4.1	4.4	3.7	4.0
Somali Republic	(*)	0.1	0.1	0.1
Ethiopia (Abyssinia)	5.7	3.6	3.5	2.5
French Somaliland	(*)	(*)	0.1	(*)
Seychelles and Dependencies[b]	(*)	...	(*)	(*)
Mauritius and Dependencies[b]	0.2	0.3	...	0.2
British East Africa and Tanganyika[b]	6.5	4.6	3.4	4.8
Mozambique	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.5
Malagasy Republic	2.1	2.0	0.3	1.3
Republic of South Africa[b]	28.0	26.8	17.1	21.4
Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland[b]	1.6	0.4	0.8	2.5
Unidentified Continents[3]	(*)	0.9	1.0	1.2
Unidentified Countries[3]	(*)	0.9	1.0	1.2

[a]Latin American Republics. [b]Sterling area countries. [c]Western Europe. [d]O.E.C.D. (Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development) countries in Europe. *Indicates less than $50,000. [1]For definitions of countries as used in this report, refer to current edition of Schedule C, Classification of Country Designations Used in Compiling the United States Foreign Trade Statistics. [2]Effective with the statistics for July 1962, the country designation "Portuguese Asia, N.E.C." comprising Goa, Damao, Diu and Portuguese Timor become obsolete. Beginning with the September 1962 issue of this report, data for Goa, Damao, and Diu are shown separately while data for Portuguese Timor are included, along with data for other countries, in the figures for "Southern and Southeastern Asia, N.E.C." [3]Countries which could not be identified.